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Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	11	2024	To	31	10	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Cetacean Research & Rescue Unit	
Other names charity is known by	CRRU	
Registered charity number	SC035473	
Charity's principal address	48 Seatown	
	Gardenstown	
	Banff	
	Aberdeenshire	Postcode AB45 3YQ

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr K Robinson	Chair		
2	Ms E Stroud			
3	Mrs R Campbell Wilson			
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5	Mr R Atkinson			
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Trust deed/constitution adopted 29 March 2004.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

New trustees are appointed by invitation from people who are willing and able to stand for appointment, and who, in the opinion of the existing or continuing trustees, are sympathetic to the objectives of the trust and its trustees.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To protect and conserve cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises) and other marine life for the public benefit, through scientific investigation, environmental education and the provision of professional veterinary assistance to sick, stranded and injured animals.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

To undertake relevant research in relation to cetaceans and other marine wildlife and to disseminate the useful results of such research; to advance the education of the public in relation to marine wildlife and marine conservation, particularly in Scotland.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

The charity published a number of prominent scientific publications in 2024/25 (listed at <https://crru.org.uk/research/publications>). Keynote talks were made at several public venues and at international conferences, and internships were provided during the summer of 2025 for 35 trainees/students who participated in the CRRU summer research programme. In addition, 4 university project dissertations were supported.

Grant funding in support of the charity's marine research, education and rescue work was gratefully received from: the John Lewis Partnership Nature Fund, John Swire 1989 Charitable Trust, Scotmid Coop Community Connect, Marjorie Coote Animal Charity Trust, GC Gibson Charitable Trust, Conundrum Charitable Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Stafford Trust, Animal Rescue Foundation, Animal Friends Pet Insurance, Whirlwind Charitable Trust, Prism Charitable Trust, King Charles III Charitable Fund, Sea Changers, Animal Defence Trust, Orcome Trust, Robert Clutterbuck Trust, Animal Defence Trust, Thistledown Trust, and the Thistledown Trust.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Sufficient financial reserves may be used to fund current and future activities. Reserves are held to cover for cash flow fluctuations, to provide for unforeseen costs, to provide for a buffer against a fall in income, and to enable the charity to take advantage of unforeseen opportunities. CRRU's objective is to maintain an appropriate level of reserves to keep pace with the development of the organisation, with regular reviews being performed of both the reserves policy itself and the level of reserves held.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ms E Stroud	Dr K P Robinson
Position (e.g. Chair)	Trustee	Chair
Date	06/06/2026	31/05/2026